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STATE LEGISLATURE, MADRAS

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, 21st March 1956.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI N. GOPALA MENON) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Compensation to landholders in Ramanathapuram district

* 3451 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount paid to the landholders in Ramanathapuram district by the Commissioner for Settlement of Estates this year up to October 1955; and

(*b*) why the amount disbursed in this district is higher than that disbursed in the other districts?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) & (*b*) The amounts paid to the landholders in the district of Ramanathapuram from 1st January to 31st October 1955 are as follows:—

(1) Amount paid under section 55 of the Abolition Act, Rs. 20,612.

(2) Advance compensation, Rs. 18,475.

(3) Interim payments, Rs. 649.

The total amount paid to landholders in the Ramanathapuram district is higher than what was paid in some other districts, the reason being that there are more estates in the Ramanathapuram district than in those districts.

Thermal Station, Basin Bridge

* 3452 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri N. K. Palanisamy): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a turbine was broken at the Thermal station at Basin Bridge, Madras, on 8th November 1955;

(*b*) if so, whether any investigation has been made by the Government to ascertain the cause of the incident; and

(*c*) whether there was any loss of life on account of it?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: (*a*) No turbine was broken, but a make-up tank burst.

(*b*) Yes, Sir.

(*c*) One workman died out of burns caused by the splashing of hot water from the tank.